

DELAWARE COUNTY SURFACE FINDS

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Rick Simpson was an avid surface hunter in the late 1960's and 1970's and spent much of his time in Delaware County. Over the years he amassed a considerable collection and meticulously recorded his finds. Rick was featured in the 1984 Who's Who book. Like many surface collections, Rick's contained many medium to low grade field artifacts. And as usual with these collections, there were a handful of truly outstanding pieces. Living only a mile away I had the opportunity to get to know him and visit with him on a number of occasions. We talked about his experiences and the location of many of his finds. Rick made the decision to relocate out of state a few years ago and dispose of his collection. I have been fortunate in acquiring a number of his prominent finds.

This striking "Small Based Dovetail" was found in 1972 by Rick Simpson along the Scioto River in northern Delaware County. This classic Ohio dovetail is rare and especially impressive in that it is made from Flint Ridge Nethers flint. This rare flint type is colored with maroon and black streaking against the purple tint with yellow and orange highlights near the base.

The 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Carter Cave side notch is the largest point Rick ever found. It also was found in Delaware County along the Scioto River in a low lying field. It was one of very few pieces made of Carter Cave material in collection.

The 4" banded slate tubular pipe was found in southern Delaware County along the Olentangy River in the early 1970's.

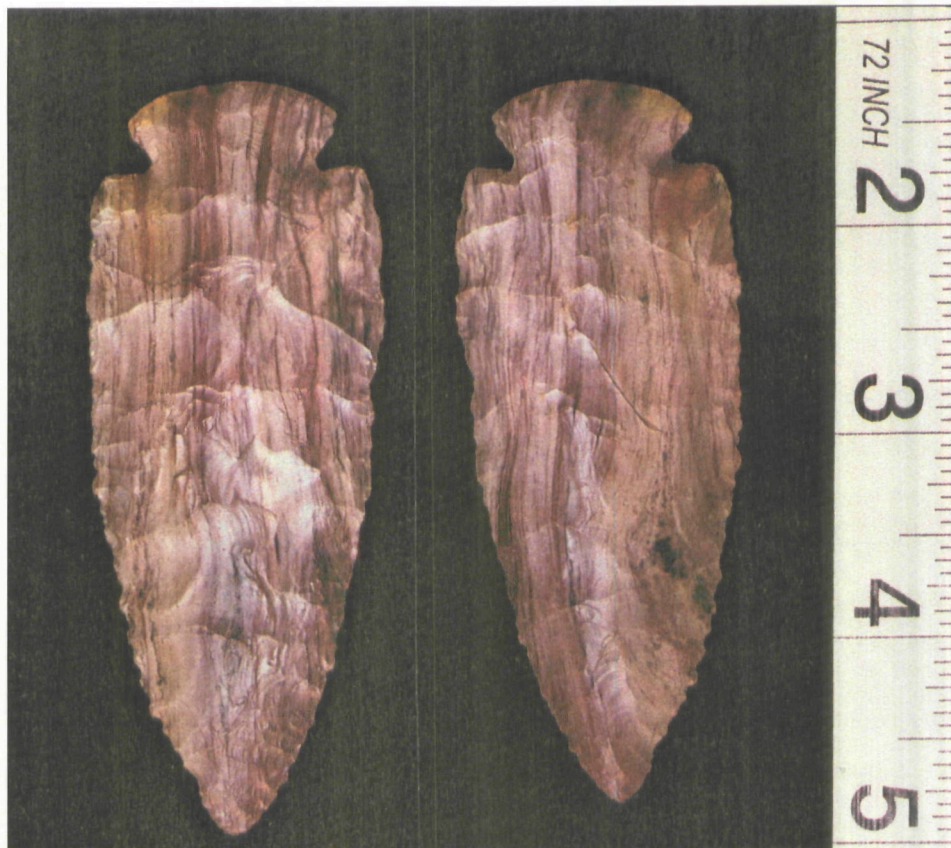


Figure 1 (Schenck). Obverse and reverse of Flint Ridge Nethers flint dovetail.



Figure 2 (Schenck).
Archaic sidenotch of
Carter Cave flint.



Figure 3 (Schenck).
Tubular bannerstone
of banded slate.